

REMARKS

Claims 16-20 are now pending in this application. Claim 16 is currently amended. Claims 17-19 are previously presented. Claim 20 is original. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced.

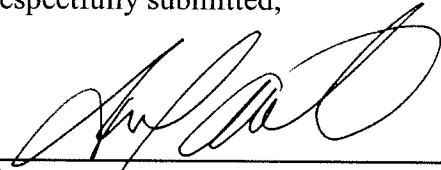
Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the telephone interview initiated by the Examiner following the pre-appeal brief review of this application. Claim 16, the sole independent claim, has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. It is submitted that all of the claims that remain pending in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Also, the appeal having now been withdrawn, and all of the claims under rejection having been cancelled, we submit further that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early favorable action is solicited.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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